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ALLIED SQUADRON WON IN THE ADRIATIC SEA

Allied Fleet Went to Meet an Austrian Squadron, Sunk Two Austrian Torpedo Boat Destroyers and Put the Other Austrian Ships to Flight—French Troops Occupy a Turkish Island as a Naval Base—Von Mackensen, Who Is Preparing for a Drive on Egypt, Is at Sophia—Both French and Germans Claim Gains on the Western Front—Minister Harcourt Resigned British Cabinet to Become Viceroy of India.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 30.—Two Austrian torpedo boat destroyers have been sunk in a battle with the allied vessels near Cattaro Bay in the Adriatic Sea, according to advices reaching Paris today. Austrian ships intended to bombard Durazzo, but the allied squadron went west and met them. The remainder of the Austrian squadron was compelled to flee by the allied ships, says the reports. The French troops occupied the Turkish island of Castellorizo in the Aegean Sea for a naval base.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen, recently reported preparing for a powerful expedition against Egypt, reached

Sofia yesterday, says a Reuter dispatch.

French reports say the German attempted capture of a French gap near Compiere failed.

Berlin announced the continuance of heavy fighting in Vosages, claiming the recapture of positions lost at Hartmannsweilerkopf.

A British surprise attack near Lille failed, said the Berlin announcement.

Resigned From Cabinet.

(By Associated Press.)
Winipeg, Canada, Dec. 30.—A cable today from London says the Right Honorable Lewis Harcourt had resigned from the cabinet to become viceroy of India.

Still Christmas AT



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HOW BRENHAM WAR CLAIMS ORIGINATED

In view of the fact that Congressman A. W. Gregg has introduced the Brenham war claims bill into this session of congress the story of the proposed reimbursement for losses inflicted by fire originated by the federal soldiers during the reconstruction days will, very likely, be of interest.

Reconstruction days came with the end of the war. In July, 1865, Brenham became a military post, and the federal soldiers were camped at Camptown, from which circumstances the colored addition to Brenham derived its name. Commanders were changed many times. Post and Sanders were all right, but House Burning Smith, as he was called, gave much trouble.

The soldiers and the young men of Brenham became involved in a controversy at a ball on the evening of Sept. 7, 1866, and the soldiers intruded in the ballroom. This the fiery Southerners resented, with the result that a Brenham man wounded two soldiers and killed a third. Peace was counseled by wiser and older men, but without avail. Late that night in revenge the soldiers burned the entire section of the town in which the dance hall was situated.

Newspaper Also Burned.

The Brenham Banner, which was then about three or four months old, and was being edited by Daniel McGary and John G. Rankin, was also destroyed, but in settlement of another score. At the Freedmen's bureau, in charge of S. A. Craig, many complaints were filed by negroes against reputable white men, and indignities were offered to the citizens. Rankin & McGary denounced the bureau through the columns of their paper, and this was the reason why their plant was destroyed. Daniel McGary was imprisoned by the soldiers for fourteen days, but from his place of confinement he wrote scathing editorials, denouncing the federalists, which his partner, Rankin, managed to print and circulate, with the gratifying result that many wrongs were redressed.

Another section of Brenham was burned by the federal soldiers in January, 1867, at which time the city records were destroyed. This led to the formation of the Brenham volunteer fire department, which was in reality a military organization with dual duties, viz., the protection of property and lives. Colonel D. C. Giddings was made the chief commanding officer. The Brenham hook and ladder company and the Brenham Protective Fire Company No. 1 were both chartered May 23, 1867, and they did valiant duty for several years. On May 4, 1869, the mayor, H. C. McIntyre, was removed by military authority and Peter Diller was appointed in his stead. He was succeeded by another military appointee, Captain James S. Biddle, and during his term of service the prisoners were fed on bread and water.

Death Rate Heavy.

During the yellow fever scourge of the fall of 1867 the death rate was

very great among the soldiers, who were in tents in Camptown, and were unable to withstand the cold weather and the dread disease. The citizen of Brenham did all that they could to alleviate the suffering of the soldiers, and they in return became kinder to the Brenhamites.

In 1869 Colonel D. C. Giddings was instrumental in having the objectionable soldiers removed, and all of Brenham and Washington County was thankful that military rule was a thing of the past.

When Colonel D. C. Giddings became a congressman in 1870 his first thought was to have the citizens, who sustained losses through the two fires caused by the federal soldiers, reimbursed. He introduced a bill accordingly, and the original names and estimates are from it. Later congressmen have sought from time to time to have these old war claims paid. Postmaster General Albert S. Burleson introduced a bill, but without avail. It is hoped here by the help of the war claimants that the losses which now amount to over \$125,000 will be liquidated very soon. There are several people in Brenham who will reap the benefit, among them are John G. Rankin, the veteran journalist.—Galveston News.

FOR A CLOSER AMERICAN UNION

Various Measures Proposed by Secretary Lansing for Closer Cementing American Republics.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Lansing today proposed to the nations which comprise the Pan-American Union that they agree to arbitrate all boundary disputes and prohibit the shipment of war munitions to revolutionaries. The plan has the full support of President Wilson and is part of a project to preserve peace and more closely unite the American countries.



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WILSON PASSED 59TH BIRTHDAY

Lengthy Letter From Lansing Reviewed Situation Arising From Austria's Sub Warfare.

(By Associated Press.)
Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 30.—On his fifty-ninth birthday President Wilson worked several hours, read hundreds of telegrams of congratulations from people all over the country, took a long automobile drive over snow-covered mountain roads, and in the evening had a quiet birthday dinner with his wife in their suite.

A lengthy letter from Secretary Lansing reached the president during the day. It is understood to have given a review of international affairs, particularly the situation growing out of Austria's methods of submarine warfare.

The feature of the birthday dinner was a cake designed by Mrs. Wilson herself. It was an almond sponge cake decorated with candy roses and tulips, and bearing in white icing the inscription, "Many happy returns, W. W."

NOTICE.

Dr. W. S. Smith, osteopath, will be at Hotel Bryan Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons of each week.

WILLARD-FULTON MATCH IS OFF

Heavyweight Championship Match Blown Up—May Arrange to Fight Moran.

(By Associated Press.)
New Orleans, La., Dec. 30.—The twenty-round fight for the heavyweight championship, scheduled for March 4 in this city between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton of Minnesota, was definitely declared off here late Wednesday by Tom Jones, Willard's manager, and Tommy Burns, local promoter, who was a partner of Dominick Tortorich in the agreement for the fight. Burns later telegraphed to Ike Dorgan, manager for Frank Moran of Pittsburgh, offering Moran \$7,500 for a fight with Willard here March 4 or 5. Jones stated that Willard would meet Moran if the Pittsburgh man accepted Burns' offer and terms suitable to Willard were arranged.

Jones also stated that unless a better proposition is made, Willard would accept an offer made by T. S. Andrews of Milwaukee for a ten-round championship match with Fulton in Milwaukee Feb. 22. Jones showed a telegram he received from Andrews offering Willard \$25,000 for the fight.

Formal announcement that the Willard-Fulton match here had been declared off was made after a conference between Burns and Jones, at which the promoter insisted that Fulton be required to win an elimination bout with some well known heavyweight before fighting Willard. Jones said he was opposed to Fulton meeting any other fighter before he fought the champion and insisted that Willard would meet Fulton before accepting any other challenge. Burns and Tortorich of New Orleans originally undertook to promote the match between Willard and Fulton, but later announced that they preferred Moran as Willard's opponent. This plan was not met with favor among the other parties to the agreement and Burns then stated that he would personally take over the Willard-Fulton agreement and stage the fight, but proposed that Willard accept a percentage of the receipts instead of the \$32,500 guarantee given the champion in the original agreement. Yesterday's conference, which ended in calling the fight off, was to consider Burns' proposal.

GEN. JACOB COXEY WOULD BE SENATOR

Wants Congress to Authorize Billion Legal Tender Currency for Merchant Marine and Navy.

(By Associated Press.)
Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 30.—"General" Jacob S. Coxey of Massillon, Ohio, who led the "army of the commonwealth" to Washington in 1894, outlined Wednesday plans for his campaign next year as an independent candidate for United States senator from Ohio to succeed Senator Pomeroy.

He said he would run on a platform demanding that congress authorize an issue of \$1,000,000,000 legal tender currency, half of which is to be used in creating a merchant marine and half for naval equipment or coast defenses.

FIRST SNOW IN TEN YEARS

Coast Town of California Sees Strange Weather Conditions—Ground Covered With Snow.

(By Associated Press.)
San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 30.—The first snow in ten years covered the ground here today.

CENTENARIAN WAS BURNED TO DEATH

(By Associated Press.)
Port Lavaca, Tex., Dec. 30.—A negro more than a hundred years old was burned to death here yesterday. She was warming over a charcoal fire.

GERMANY RECOGNIZES CARRANZA

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, Dec. 30.—Germany today recognized the Carranza government in Mexico.

GOV. OF MINNESOTA DIED SUDDENLY

Was at Clinton, Louisiana, Inspecting Lands He Owned in That Section.

(By Associated Press.)
Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 30.—Governor W. Hammond of Minnesota died suddenly today at Clinton, La., where he went to inspect some lands he owned in that section, according to a message received here.

Burnquist Becomes Governor.

(By Associated Press.)
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30.—J. A. A. Burnquist, lieutenant governor, becomes governor by the death today of Governor Hammond. He is 34 years old.

TEXAS RANCHMAN GOLD BRICKED

Wire Tappers on a Fake Horse Race Touched Him for Twenty Thousand.

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—Vincent Baer, a wealthy rancher of Midland, Tex., was swindled out of \$20,000 by wire tappers on a fake horse race scheme, according to the police, today. The swindlers met Baer in Kansas City and later induced him to part with his money on assurance of getting a greater sum. He has not seen them since they left for Cincinnati Christmas.

BOTH SIDES REST IN NEW HAVEN CASE

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 30.—Both sides in the trial of William Rockefeller and the other New Haven directors closed today and the jury was dismissed till Monday.

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